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OF THE
General Assembly
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OF
SCOTLAND,

Conveen'd at *Edinburgh* the 12. Day of *May*, 1737.

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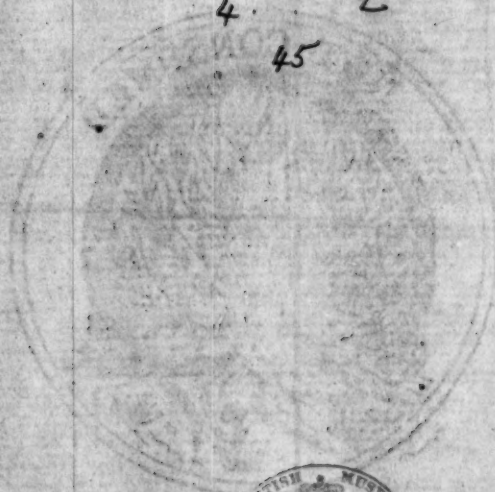
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Begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 12th Day of
May 1737, and concluded the 24th Day of the said
 Month and Year.

I.

*The King's Commission to William Mar-
 quis of Lothian produced, and ordered to
 be recorded.*

At Edinburgh, 12th May, 1737, Sess. I.



THE General Assembly of this National
 Church being convened and constitut-
 ed, there was produced to them by the
 Most Honourable *William* Marquis of
Lothian, His Majesty's Commission, seal-
 ed with the Seal appointed by the Trea-
 ty of Union to be kept and used in *Scot-*
land, in Place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and
 constituting him his Majesty's High Commissioner and Re-
 presentative in this Assembly, of the same Tenor with the
 Commissions granted to his Lordship in the Years 1732,
 1733, 1734, 1735 and 1736; and it being publickly read
 with all due Honour and Respect, was appointed to be re-
 corded in the Books of Assembly.

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II. The

*The KING's Most Gracious Letter to the
General Assembly, presented to them by
His Majesty's Commissioner.*

Edinburgh, May 12th, 1737, Sess. 1;

GEORGE R.



RIGHT Trusty and Well-beloved, We Greet you well. After the repeated Proofs which you have given of your Zeal for the Advancement of true Religion and Piety, the Prosperity of the Church of which you are Members, and the Good of your Country, We cannot but be persuaded you will continue to pursue those Measures, which may most effectually contribute to the attaining of those desirable Ends in this your present Meeting, which We therefore most willingly countenance with Our Royal Approbation and Authority: And as We are well satisfied of your Loyalty and Affection for Us and Our Royal Family, so you may be assured of Our constant Resolution to support and maintain the Church of *Scotland* established by Law, in the full Enjoyment of all its Rights and Privileges.

The Dependence which We have on your coming together, with these good Dispositions and Intentions, leaves Us no Room to doubt, of your employing your best Endeavours to bring about the great and good Purposes for which you are now assembled, by conducting all in your Power to the Peace and Welfare of the Church, the Increase of Piety and Virtue, the preventing of the Growth of Popery, and the suppressing of Profaneness and Immorality, wherein you may rely upon Our Countenance and Encouragement: And as you must be sensible, the Success of your Councils and Deliberations, will, under GOD, chiefly depend upon the Wisdom, Moderation and Charity, with which they are conducted; We earnestly recommend to you to avoid all Disputes and Contentions among yourselves, and to proceed upon the Business proper for your Consideration, with that Unanimity and Brotherly Love, as may justly be expected from so Venerable a Body, and which cannot fail to recommend you to Our further Favours.

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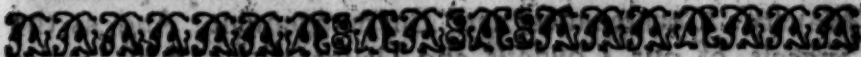
The Experience you have had of the Capacity and Abilities of Our Right Trusty and Entirely beloved Cousin William Marquis of Lorbhan, will, we doubt not, render the Choice very agreeable to you, which we have made of him to represent Our Royal Person in your Assembly, being induc'd thereto by the Knowledge We have of his Zeal and Loyalty for Our Service, of his Affection and Concern for the Church of Scotland, and of his Qualifications for the Discharge of so great a Trust, wherein We hope the Prudence, with which you will dispatch the Business before you, will be of great Assistance to him. And so We bid you heartily farewell. Given at Our Court, at St. James's, the 23^d Day of April, 1737, in the Tenth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

HOLIES NEWCASTLE,

Directed thus:

To the Right Reverend and Well-beloved The Moderator, Ministers and Elders of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Church of Scotland.



III.

The General Assembly's Answer to the King's Most Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, May 14th, 1737, Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,



THE great Honour done us by Your Majesty's most Gracious Letter, and Your Royal Goodness, in condescending to take Notice of the Zeal of former Assemblies, for the Advancement of true Religion and Piety, the Prosperity of this Church, and the Good of our Country, is most encouraging to us, and cannot but animate us warmly to pursue these Measures, which may

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most effectually contribute to the attaining the desirable Ends of our Meeting, which Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to countenance with Your Royal Approbation and Authority.

It gives us the most sensible Joy, that Your Majesty has been pleased to express Your Satisfaction with our Loyalty and Affection for your Royal Person and Family, which we may, with great Confidence, assure Your Majesty, possesses the Hearts of all the Members of this Church; and we entirely depend upon the Royal Assurances You are pleased to give us, of Your constant Resolution to support and maintain the Church of *Scotland*, established by Law, in the full Enjoyment of all its Just Rights and Privileges. And we humbly hope, by Your Royal Goodness, to obtain, in due Time, Redress of the Grievance, which has been represented to Your Majesty by former Assemblies.

The Confidence Your Majesty has express'd, of our coming together with these good Dispositions and Intentions, cannot but oblige us to employ our best Endeavours to bring about the great and good Purposes for which we are now assembled, by conducting all in our Power to the Peace and Welfare of this Church, the Increase of Piety and Virtue, the preventing the Growth of Popery, and the suppressing of Profaneness and Immorality; and for our happy Success therein, next to the Divine Assistance, we rely upon Your Majesty's Countenance and Encouragement: And as the Success of our Councils and Deliberations, must, under GOD, also greatly depend upon the Wisdom, Moderation and Charity whereby they are conducted, so we are obliged to own, that we should not act agreeably to the Spirit of our Holy Religion, and the Character we bear, if we paid not the highest Regard to Your Majesty's earnest and pious Recommendations, to avoid all Disputes and Contentions among ourselves, and to proceed upon the Business proper for our Consideration, with that Unanimity and Brotherly Love which may so justly be expected from us, and which also, we are so graciously assured, cannot fail to recommend us further to Your Royal Favour.

The Experience we have had of the Capacities and Abilities of the Most Honourable the Marquis of *Lothian*, of his Zeal and Loyalty for Your Majesty's Service, of his Affection and Concern for the Church of *Scotland*, and of his Qualifications for the Discharge of so great a Trust, renders Your Majesty's Choice of him to represent Your Royal Person in this Assembly, most acceptable to us: And we hope we shall conduct ourselves in the Dispatch of the Business

Business before us, in such Manner as may render the Duties of his high Station easy to him.

Your Majesty's High Commissioner has delivered to us Your Royal Warrant for the Renewal of Your charitable Donation, towards the Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, for the twelfth Year, which we most thankfully receive and acknowledge, as a fresh Instance of Your Majesty's tender Concern for the spiritual as well as temporal Interest of Your Subjects, in these more remote and less civilized Parts of Your British Dominions; and as this Royal Bounty has produced very good Effects among them, and has served as an useful Mean to counteract the Popish Emissaries trafficking in those Parts, it shall be our Care to employ the same in exact Conformity to Your Royal Intentions, that the Fruits of it may more and more appear to Your Majesty's Satisfaction.

That Your Majesty's precious Life, which is so great a Blessing to all Your People, and the whole Protestant Interest; may be long preserv'd; That the Best of Heaven's Blessings may be plentifully pour'd out upon Your Royal Person, and her Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Rest of Your Royal Family; and that after the Crown has long flourished upon Your Head, You may at Length through Jesus Christ inherit immortal Glory: Are, and shall be the earnest Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Sign'd in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment,
by

NIEL CAMPBELL, Moderator;

IV.

*Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders for discussing Affairs referred to them.**Edinburgh, May 23d, 1737, Sess. 10:*

THE General Assembly taking to Consideration, that there are divers Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commissionate and appoint the Reverend Mr. *Niel Campbell* Principal of the College of Glasgow their Moderator. And from the Presbytery of Middlebee, Mr. *Alexander Orr* at Hoddam, Mr. *Robert Petrie* at Cannaby Ministers, *Robert Scot* of Burnhead Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Lochmaben, Mr. *Andrew Clark* at Tindergirth, Mr. *James Armstrong* at Ruthwell, Mr. *William Scot* at Kirkpatrick-juxta Ministers, Mr. *Charles Erskine* of Barjarg his Majesty's Solicitor Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Penpunt, Mr. *Thomas Tod* at Durisdeer, Mr. *Archibald Little* at Morton Ministers, *Alexander Ferguson* of Craigdarroch Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumfries, Mr. *Luke Gibson* at Colvend, Mr. *George Duncan* at Lochrutton, Mr. *William Stewart* at Kirkbean Ministers, *James Gilchrist* one of the present Baillies of Dumfries Ruling Elder; *John Ewart* Provost of Dumfries from the Burgh of Dumfries. From the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright, Mr. *Alexander Maitland* at Tongland, Mr. *George Gartshore* at Kirkcudbright, Mr. *Andrew Boyd* at Twynholm Ministers, Sir *Thomas Gordon* of Earlston Baronet Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Wigton, Mr. *James McClellan* at Kirkcowan, Mr. *Edward Boyd* at Wigton Ministers, *Samuel M'Lure* in Laigh-durry Ruling Elder; *Robert Gordon* of Auchindolly Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Kirkcudbright; *Matthew Millar* Baillie of New-galloway Ruling Elder from the Burgh of New-galloway; *Hugh Hathorn* Merchant Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Whitehorn. From the Presbytery of Stranrawer, Mr. *James Tweddale* at Glenluce, Mr. *John Dickson* at Newluce, Ministers, Mr. *Andrew M'Dowal* Advocate Ruling Elder; *John Gray* Baillie of Stranrawer Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Stranrawer. From the Presbytery of Air, Mr. *John Stiel* at Old Cumnock, Mr. *James Lawrie* at Kirkmichael, Mr. *William Coats* at Dalmellington, Mr. *George Reid* at St. Qui-

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vox, Mr. George Reid at Ochiltree Ministers, Colonel William Dalrymple of Glenmuir, Mr. Alexander Boswall of Affleck younger Advocate Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Irvine, Mr. John Montgomery at Stewarton, Mr. Alexander Smith at Cambray, Mr. Robert Baird at Dunlop Ministers, Mr. Patrick Boyle Advocate Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Paisley, Mr. Robert Millar at Paisley, Mr. Robert Paton at Renfrew, Mr. Robert Woodrow at Eastwood Ministers, Sir John Maxwell of Pollock Bart. Ruling Elder, Baillie William Somervell Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Renfrew. From the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr. Richard Henderson at Blantyre, Mr. William Steel at Dalsert, Mr. Daniel M^r Queen at Dalziel Ministers, Mr. Archibald Hamilton of Dalziel Advocate Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Lanerk, Mr. Robert Gray at Wiston, Mr. John Orr at Lanerk, Mr. Charles Hunter at Pittenaim Ministers, James Hamilton of Gulkerscleugh Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Glasgow, Mr. John Scot at Glasgow, Mr. John Hamilton there, Mr. Charles Coats at Govan Ministers, James Hamilton of Aikenhead Ruling Elder, Patrick Murdoch Provost of Glasgow Ruling Elder from the City of Glasgow. From the Presbytery of Dumbarton, Mr. John Allan at Row, Mr. John Edmondston at Cardross, Mr. William Brown at Kilmarnock Ministers, Walter Buchanan of Achintoshan Ruling Elder, Mr. George Smollet of Inglishton Advocate Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Dumbarton. From the Presbytery of Dunoon, Mr. William Campbell at Kilmodan, Mr. Dugald Allan at Innerchallen Ministers, Sir James Campbell of Ardkinglass Bart. Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kintyre, Mr. John M^r Vicar at Ilay, Mr. James Stewart at Arran Ministers, Mr. Alexander M^r Millan of Dunmore Ruling Elder, Provost Hugh Montgomery Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Campbeltoun. From the Presbytery of Inverary, Mr. Archibald Smith at Craignish Minister, Colin Campbell Esq; Ruling Elder, Capt. John Campbell of Lynesfield Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Inverary. From the Presbytery of Lorn, Mr. James Campbell senior at Kilbrandan, Mr. James Campbell junior at Kilmore Ministers, John Campbell Cashier of the Royal Bank Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Mull, Mr. Archibald Campbell at Morvern, Mr. Archibald M^r Tawish at Toraf Minister, Sir James Campbell of Abernuchill Bart. Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dunkeld, Mr. Robert Bowes at Rattray, Mr. Alexander MacLaggan at Little Dunkeld, Mr. Adam Ferguson at Mulling, Mr. Thomas Man at Dunkeld Ministers, his Grace

James Duke of Athole and *Mr. Alexander Murray* Baillie of the Regality of Athole Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Perth, *Mr. David Meldrum* at Tibbermuir, *Mr. George Meek* at Rogorton, *Mr. Lachlan M'Intosh* at Errol, *Mr. Robert Covintree* at Kilspindie Ministers, *John Faichney* and *David Robertson* late Baillies of Perth Ruling Elders; *Patrick Cree* Provost of Perth Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Perth. From the Presbytery of Stirling, *Mr. James Gordon* at Alloa, *Mr. Henry Lindsay* at Bothkennar, *Mr. John Bruce* at Airth Ministers, *Mr. Alexander Bruce* of Kennet Ruling Elder; Baillie *James Stevenson* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Stirling. From the Presbytery of Auchterarder, *Mr. Andrew Smith* at Dunning, *Mr. Robert Drummond* at Auchterarder, *Mr. Alexander Murray* at Fowlis Ministers, *James Graham* of Damside Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumblane, *Mr. Michael Potter* at Kippen, *Mr. Thomas Turner* at Tollyallan Ministers, *Francis Lord Napier* Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumfermline, *Mr. John Gib* at Cleith, *Mr. James Wardlaw* at Dumfermline, *Mr. Thomas Charters* at Innerkeithing Ministers, *Col. John Erskine* of Carnock Ruling Elder; *James Hog* Merchant Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Dumfermline; Baillie *William Roxburgh* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Inverkeithing; Baillie *James Adam* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Culrofs. From the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy, *Mr. John Cleghorn* at Wemyss, *Mr. Robert Young* at Lesly, *Mr. George Preston* at Markinch Ministers, *Mr. Hugh Murray-Kinnynmond* of Melgum Advocate Ruling Elder; *George Irvine* of Newton Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Dysert. From the Presbytery of Cowpar, *Mr. William Thomson* at Flisk, *Mr. George Gillespy* at Strathmiglo, *Mr. Alexander Stoddart* at Faulkland, *Mr. Josias Walker* at Abdie Ministers, *Mr. Henry Barclay* of Collerny Advocate and *David Ballingal* of Edenshead Ruling Elders; *Mr. James Lesly* Advocate Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Coupar. From the Presbytery of St. Andrews, *Mr. James Hadow* Principal of the new College of St. Andrews, *Mr. William Vilant* at Ferrypartonraig, *Mr. Thomas Kay* at Killrennie, *Mr. Patrick Glass* at Crail Ministers, *Mr. James Duncan* Professor of Philosophy in St. Andrews, and Dean of Guild *James Ferney* Ruling Elders; *Mr. Thomas Tullydeph* Professor of Divinity at St. Andrews. From the Presbytery of Meigle, *Mr. Laurence Brown* at Lentrathen, *Mr. Thomas Clephan* at Newtyld, *Mr. John Robertson* at Alyth Ministers, *Thomas Gibson* of Milnhorn

horn Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Forfar, Mr. *John Martin* at Othlaw, Mr. *James Ogilvy* at Glamis Ministers, *John Donaldson* of Inverichty Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dundee, Mr. *James Monro* at Dundee, Mr. *James Anderson* at Lundy and Fowls, Mr. *John Ker* at Mains Ministers, *Andrew Wardroper* Provost of Dundee Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Aberbrothock, Mr. *William Moncrief* at Kinnel, Mr. *Robert Preston* at Abereliot Ministers, *James Doig* Baillie of Aberbrothock Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Brechin, Mr. *Robert Gray* at Brechin, Mr. *John Gilles* at Carraldston, Mr. *John Scot* at Lochlee Ministers, *John Kirkland* at Bruce miln Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Fordoun, Mr. *James Douglass* at Arbuthnot, Mr. *David Burn* at Fetteresso, Mr. *Andrew Thomson* at Laurence-kirk Ministers, Provost *Robert Stewart* Ruling Elder; Mr. *Alexander Arbuthnot* of Knox Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Bervie. From the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Mr. *Robert Melvil* at Duirs, Mr. *John Bisset* at Aberdeen, Mr. *Archibald Napier* at Mary-culter, Mr. *Thomas Ragg* at Dyce Ministers, *Hugh Hay* of Park and Mr. *William Grant* Advocate Ruling Elders; Provost *William Cruikshanks* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Aberdeen; Mr. *John Lumsden* Professor of Divinity in the King's College at Aberdeen. From the Presbytery of Kincardine-Oniel, Mr. *George Shepherd* at Aboyn, Mr. *John Burnet* at Clunie, Mr. *William Abell* at Lumphanan Ministers, Sir *Arthur Forbes* of Craigievar Bart. Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Alford, Mr. *Walter Sym* at Tillienessle, Mr. *James Lumsden* at Strathdon, Mr. *Andrew More* at Towie Ministers. From the Presbytery of Ellon, Mr. *John Webster* at Cruden, Mr. *Alexander Howie* at Methlick Ministers. From the Presbytery of Garrioch, Mr. *Francis Downie* at Kemnay, Mr. *Robert Abercrombie* at Lesly, Mr. *John Angus* at Cullamond Ministers, Mr. *Hugh Dalrymple* of Drumore one of the Senators of the Colledge of Justice Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Deer, Mr. *William Mercer* at Pitfligo, Mr. *William Hay* at Crimond, Mr. *Thomas Anderson* at Aberdour Ministers, Mr. *Alexander Gairden* of Troup Advocate Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Turreff, Mr. *John Stewart* at Drumblate, Mr. *James Benneman* at Forglen Ministers. From the Presbytery of Fordice, Mr. *James Laulie* at Cullen, Mr. *Andrew Kerr* at Rathven Ministers, Mr. *Archibald Campbell* Probationer Ruling Elder; Mr. *Charles Hope-Weir* of Craigiehall Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Cullen. From the Presbytery of Strathbogie, Mr. *Walter Syme* at Mortlath, Mr.

John Ramsay at Cairny Ministers, *Mr. William Duff* of Crombie Advocate Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Abernethy, *Mr. William Grant* at Abernethy, *Mr. Lewis Chapman* at Alvie Ministers, *Ludovick Grant* of Grant younger Advocate Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Aberlour, *Mr. John Paul* at Rothies, *Mr. George Grant* at Boharm Ministers, *Mr. Patrick Grant* of Elchies one of the Senators of the College of Justice Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Elgin, *Mr. George Gordon* at Alves, *Mr. Robert Miln* at Speymouth Ministers, *Ludovick Dunbar* of Westfield Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Forreels, *Mr. John Squyre* at Forreels, *Mr. Alexander Rose* at Nairn Ministers, *James Rose* of Brae Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Inverness, *Mr. Patrick Nicolson* at Kiltarlathy, *Mr. Archibald Bannantyne* at Doris Ministers, *Duncan Forbes* of Culloden Esq; his Majesty's Advocate Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Chanonry, *Mr. John Robertson* at Killurnan, *Mr. Alexander Frazer* at Avoch Ministers, *Mr. Alexander Gordon* of Ardoch Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Tain, *Mr. Daniel Beton* at Rosekeen, *Mr. John Porteous* at Kilmuir Easter Ministers, *John Gorry* Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dingwall, *Mr. Alexander Falconer* at Urquhart, *Mr. Murdo M'Kenzie* at Contan Ministers, *Mr. Albert Monro* of Coull Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Abertarph, *Mr. George Anderson* at Maryburgh, *Mr. William Gordon* at Urquhart Ministers, *Baillie William M'Douall* Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Sky, *Mr. Daniel M'Aulay* at Braccadale, *Mr. Archibald M'Queen* at Snizort Ministers, *William M'Leod* of Eboft Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Longisland, *Mr. Donald M'Leod* at Northuis, *Mr. Colin Mackenzie* at Lochs Ministers, *Donald M'Niel* of Vaterfay Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Gairloch, *Mr. Donald M'Leod* at Lochalsh, *Mr. John M'Lean* at Kintail Ministers, *Kenneth M'Kenzie* Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dornoch, *Mr. Robert Kirk* at Dornoch, *Mr. Francis Robertson* at Clyne Ministers, *Baillie Andrew M'Culloch* at Dornoch Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Tongue, *Mr. Walter Ross* at Tongue, *Mr. Murdo M'Donald* at Dinness Ministers, *George Lord Reay* Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Caithness, *Mr. James Ferme* at Wick, *Mr. John Sinclair* at Watten Ministers, *Mr. John Sinclair* of Murkle one of the Senators of the College of Justice Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kirkwall, *Mr. William Mair* at Holm, *Mr. Hugh Mowat* at Evie and Rendal

dal Ministers, *James Lord Aberdour* Ruling Elder; Baillie *Thomas Jamison* Shipmaster Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Kirkwall. From the Presbytery of Cairnston, Mr. *John Keith* at Walls, Mr. *Alexander Geddes* at Birsay and Harray Ministers, Mr. *John Hay* of Balbithan Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of North Isles, Mr. *Alexander Nisbet* at Shapinshay, Mr. *James Jamison* at Rousay Ministers, *John Balfour* of Trinaby Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Zetland, Mr. *Thomas Waldie* at Lerwick, Mr. *Thomas Hay* at Yell Ministers, Capt. *James Craigie* Merchant in Lerwick Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Edinburgh, Mr. *Samuel Semple* at Libberton, Mr. *James Walker* at Canongate, Mr. *George Logan* at Edinburgh, Mr. *John Walker* at Canongate, Mr. *Thomas Pitcairn* at West-kirk, Mr. *Robert Wallace* at Edinburgh Ministers, Mr. *Thomas Rigg* of Morton Advocate, *William Crockat* one of the present Baillies of Edinburgh, and Mr. *Charles Inglis* of Baberton Ruling Elders; *Robert Montgomery* City Treasurer of Edinburgh and *John Clarkson* Deacon Conveener of the Trades Ruling Elders from the City of Edinburgh; Mr. *John Gaudie* Professor of Divinity from the University of Edinburgh. From the Church of Campvere, Mr. *Charles Jervie* Minister at Campvere, and *Archibald M' Aulay* Esq; Lord Conservator of the Scots Priviledges there Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Linlithgow, Mr. *William Heastie* at Slamannan, Mr. *Andrew Gloig* at West-Calder, Mr. *Alexander Wardrop* at Whiteburn, Mr. *Charles Wilkie* at Ecclesmachan Ministers, *Alexander Gillon* of Walhouse, and Mr. *Robert Ramsay* of Blackrig Advocate Ruling Elders; *George Dundas* of Dundas for the Burgh of Queensferry. From the Presbytery of Biggar, Mr. *James Forrester* at Coulter, Mr. *Thomas Henderson* at Skirling Ministers, *David Dickson* Writer in Edinburgh Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Peebles, Mr. *James Robertson* at Edlestoun, Mr. *Stephen Paton* at Newlands, Mr. *Thomas Finlater* at Lintoun Ministers, Baillie *William Ker* at Peebles Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dalkieth, Mr. *William M'George* at Pennycook, Mr. *John Wilson* at Glencorse, Mr. *Robert Bonealy* at Inverask Ministers, Mr. *Robert Dundas* of Arnistoun Advocate Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Haddington, Mr. *William Hamilton* at Bolton, Mr. *John Cuming* at Humbie, Mr. *Patrick Wilkie* at Haddington Ministers, Sir *Hugh Hamilton* of Bargeny Bart. Ruling Elder; the most Hon. *John Marquis* of Tweeddale Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Haddington; Mr. *Robert Swinton* Merchant Ruling Elder from the Burgh of North-

berwick. From the Presbytery of Dumbar, Mr. *Alexander Pyot* at Dumbar, Mr. *William Orr* at Spot Ministers, Mr. *Thomas Hamilton* Advocate Ruling Elder; Mr. *Alexander Hamilton* of Pancaitland Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Dumbar. From the Presbytery of Dunse, Mr. *James Laurie* at Langtoun, Mr. *John Campbell* at Cranthaws Ministers, Mr. *George Buchan* of Cumlage Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Chirnside, Mr. *George Home* at Chirnside, Mr. *Alexander Trotter* at Edrom, Mr. *William Wilson* at Coldstream Ministers, Mr. *James Home* Writer to the Signet Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kelfo, Mr. *James Christie* at Marbottle, Mr. *Alexander Home* at Stichel Ministers, Mr. *Charles Binning* of Pilmore Advocate Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Jedburgh, Mr. *William Crawford* at Wilton, Mr. *William Somervell* at Hawick, Mr. *William Armstrong* at Castletoun Ministers, *Anthony Turnbull* of Know Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Ersilton. Mr. *John Bell* at Gordon, Mr. *John Goudie* at Ersilton Ministers, *James Rutherford* of Bowland Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Selkirk, Mr. *Walter Steuart* at Askirk, Mr. *George Byres* at Lessudden Ministers, Mr. *Andrew Kerr* of Kippilaw Ruling Elder; *Gideon Shaw* of Lauriston Ruling Elder from the Burgh of Selkirk; and the Right Hon. *David Earl* of Buchan, *Alexander Earl* of Marchmont, *Charles Earl* of Lauderdale, *Alexander Earl* of Leven, *John Earl* of Glasgow, *Archibald Earl* of Ilay, *James Lord* Cranstoun, *Sir Gilbert Eliot* of Minto Bart. Mr. *Patrick Campbell* of Monzie, Mr. *Alexander Frazer* of Strichan, three of the Senators of the College of Justice, and *Sir John Clark* of Pennycuik Bart. one of the Barons of his Majesty's Exchequer: To be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effects after-mentioned; with Power to the said Commissioners, or their Quorum, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty one of the said Commissioners, whereof twenty one are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene within the Assembly-house at *Edinburgh*, the first free Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock Forenoon, and afterwards the second *Wednesdays* of *August*, *November* and *March* next to come, and oftner, when and where they shall think fit and convenient; with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator: And likewise the General Assembly fully impowers their said Commissioners, or their Quorum above mentioned, to cognosce and finally determine, as they shall see Cause, in every Matter

Matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every Thing contained in and conform to the Instructions given, or to be given by this Assembly, and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church and present Establishment thereof do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice, which they can prevent, as they will be answerable; providing always, that this general Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, That no private Processes be determined, except at the four stated Diets, and what shall be determined at one Diet of the Commission, with Relation to private Causes shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force till disapproved by the General Assembly; and the General Assembly renews the Instructions given by the General Assembly 1717 to their Commission, and appoints the same to stand in full Force as Instructions to the Commissioners above named, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert; and that they enquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconsistent with our Confession of Faith, and that the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ or Print, be called before the said Commission, to answer for the same. And further the said Commission is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General Assembly: Likewise to take Care, that the Impressions of the Holy Scriptures, the Confession of Faith and Catechisms, and such Books as are authorized by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government thereof, be correct, and give Directions about printing the same. And the said Commission are appointed and impowered to keep a Correspondence with the Committee for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, for suppressing of Popery and Superstition, and for promoting of the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in these Parts, and give Assistance and Concurrence therein, and if need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and speedy Redress. And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matters, than what are committed

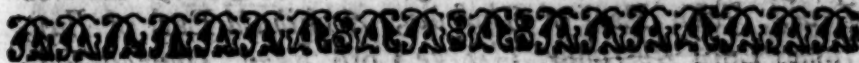
mitted and referred to them as above mentioned, and in all their Actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitutions of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same; declaring, That in and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the next General Assembly, as they shall see Cause. And this Commission is to continue and endure until another Commission be appointed, and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Assembly 1706. And for the better securing of a Quorum, and Attendance of Members on the Commission, the General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbyteries within twelve Miles thereof, to meet, any of the Days or Weeks appointed for Meeting of this Commission, and such of the Members of these Presbyteries as are on the Commission are required all of them to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and Presbyteries at a greater Distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take Care that at least two of them attend each Diet of the same. And the Assembly recommend to their Commission at their first Meeting, to discuss as many of the Causes and Questions relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are or shall be referred to them by the Assembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, that when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church shall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commission, or to give the same a full Execution, in that Case the Commission is hereby prohibited to execute the same, by appointing any such correspondent Meetings, as has been the Practice of late, but shall allow the Matter to ly over to the ensuing Assembly, to which such Presbyteries or Synods shall be answerable for such their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to send up with their Commissioners their Reasons for the same. And the Assembly do further impower and direct the said Commission, to make due Application to the King and Parliament for Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, in Case a favourable Opportunity for so doing shall occur during the Subsistence of this Commission.

V.
*Act relating to the tenth Act of the General
 Assembly Anno 1736.*

Edinburgh, May 24th, 1737, Sess. ult.



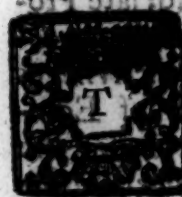
THE General Assembly considering, that the Instructions of some of the Presbyteries presented to this Assembly, do represent that severals have taken Offence at the Act of the late Assembly, in the Process against Mr. *Archibald Campbell* Professor of Ecclesiastick History in the University of *St. Andrews*, as if that Assembly had adopted some of his Expressions, which were reckon'd offensive, on the Head of Self-Love: Therefore, for Satisfaction to all concern'd, this Assembly does declare, That as the last Assembly in their Act, say, that they gave no Judgment or formal Sentence upon the Report of the Committee, and therefore could not be constructed to adopt any of his Expressions, so this Assembly do stedfastly adhere to the Doctrine of our Church on that Head, express'd in our Standards, particularly in the Answers to that Question in our shorter and larger Catechisms, *What is the chief End of Man?*



VI.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for managing his Majesty's Royal Bounty for that End.

Edinburgh, May 24th, 1737, Sess. ult.



THE General Assembly do hereby nominate, commisionate and appoint the Reverend Mr. *Niel Campbell* Principal of the College of Glasgow their Moderator, Mr. *Niel M'Vicar* at West-kirk his Majesty's Almoner, Mr. *John Gaudie* Professor of Divinity in the College of Edinburgh, Mr. *William Gushart* at Edinburgh,

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burgh, Mr. John Mathison there, Mr. Robert Bell at Crealline, Mr. John Lumisden Professor of Divinity in the King's College of Aberdeen, his Majesty's Chaplains in Scotland; Messrs. Robert Petrie at Cairnbee, Andrew Boyd at Twynholme, George Reid at St. Quivox, William Steel at Dalsersf, James Stewart in Arran, James Campbell at Kilbranden, Lachlan M'Intosh at Erral, George Meek at Rogorton, James Gordon at Alloa, John Clegborn at Wemyss, Thomas Clephan at Newtyl'd, John Bisset at Aberdeen, John Squyre at Forreß, George Gordon at Alves, Walter Syme at Mortlith, William Gordon at Glenmorison, Francis Robertson at Clyne, Samuel Semple at Libberton, James Walker at Cannongate, George Logan at Edinburgh, John Walker at Cannongate, Thomas Pitcairn at West-kirk, Robert Wallace at Edinburgh, James Laurie at Langton, John Schaw at South Leith, James Bannatyne at Edinburgh, Matthew Wood there, James Nisbet there, George Fordice at Corstorphine, John Hepburn at Edinburgh, Robert Kinloch there, John Glen there, Patrick Cuming there, William Robertson there, James Stevenson at South Leith, George Lindsay at North Leith, George Wishart at Edinburgh, David M'Colm at Duddingston, Robert Hamilton at Edinburgh, John Hamilton at Glasgow, and John Scot there, Ministers; His Grace James Duke of Athole, the most Hon. John Marquis of Tweeddale, the Right Hon. Alexander Earl of Leven, John Earl of Glasgow, Archibald Earl of Hay, James Lord Aberdour, George Lord Reay, Duncan Forbes of Culloden, Esq; his Majesty's Advocate, Mr. Hugh Dalrymple of Drumore, Mr. Patrick Campbell of Monzie, and Mr. Patrick Grant of Elchies, three of the Senators of the College of Justice, Sir John Clark of Pennycook Bart. one of the Barons of Exchequer, Mr. Charles Erskine of Barjarg his Majesty's Solicitor, Mr. James Erskine of Grange, Mr. Charles Erskine of Edenshead, Mr. Patrick Boyle Advocate, Mr. Ludovick Grant younger of Grant Advocate, Sir Robert Monro of Foulis Bart. Sir James Campbell of Ardkinglafs Bart. Sir James Campbell of Aberuchill Bart. Mr. Alexander Bruce of Kennet, Mr. Robert Dundas of Arnistoun Advocate, George Drummond Esq; late Provost of Edinburgh, Sir Thomas Gordon of Earlstoun Bart. Archibald M'Aulay Lord Conservator of the Scots Privileges at Campvere, Patrick Lindsay late Provost of Edinburgh, Mr. William Grant Advocate Procurator for the Church, Thomas Dundas of Fingask, Mr. James Baillie of Hardington, Mr. Alexander Gordon of Ardoch, Mr. Albert Monro of Coull, Mr. George Buchan of Camladge, Mr.

Mr. *John Hay* of Balbithan, Dr. *John Riddel* Physician, Mr. *Thomas Rigg* of Morton Advocate, *Robert Montgomery* City Treasurer of Edinburgh, *John Clarkson* Deacon Convener of the Trades of Edinburgh, *Hugh Hathorn* late Baillie of Edinburgh, *James Nimmo* late D. of Guild there, *Alexander Mitchel* of Mitchel, Mr. *Robert Hepburn* of Baads, Mr. *James Davidson* late Town Treasurer of Edinburgh, Mr. *Alexander Nisbet* of Northfield, *John Paton* Bookseller in Edinburgh, and *Nicol Spence* Agent for the Church Ruling Elders: To be a Committee of this Assembly for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands of *Scotland*, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, suppressing of Popery, Superstition and Profanity, and for Management of the Royal Bounty given for that End, according to and in Terms of his Majesty's Grant to this Assembly, and the 13th Act of the late General Assembly, and whole Acts there in mentioned, and in former Commissions to the said Committee, any seven of the foresaid Persons are declared to be a Quorum, whereof four to be Ministers, and the said Committee to have their Meetings, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last *Thursday* of every Month, at Three Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after Adjournment of the four stated Dyets of the Commission of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock Forenoon, except when it falls to be on *Friday* or *Saturday*, and then the Meeting is to be on *Monday* next thereafter, with Power to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places as they shall find needful, and to keep a Correspondence with the Commission of this Assembly, and Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, and their Committee. And the General Assembly do hereby nominate and appoint Mr. *William Grant* Advocate Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the foresaid Committee, and according to their Rules.

VIII.
Act superseding the Obligations upon Synods and Presbyteries to maintain Bursars.
 Edinburgh, May 24th, 1737, Sess. ult.

THE General Assembly considering, that thro' the Multitude of Probationers in this Church, the Reasons of Synods and Presbyteries maintaining Bursaries does now cease, the Assembly does supersede the Obligation upon Synods and Presbyteries to maintain as Bursars Students in Divinity, until the Assembly see fit to revive the same, and leave it to Synods and Presbyteries; mean time, to apply these Funds to other charitable and pious Uses, as they shall see convenient; but appoint that such as are prefer'd to Bursaries in Synods or Presbyteries, shall enjoy them till their ordinary Time be run out.

VIII.

Act concerning the Qualifications of Elders Members of the General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 24th, 1737, Sess. ult.
THE General Assembly considering the Instructions sent up to them from Presbyteries, do strictly enjoin all Presbyteries, to be careful that all to be chosen Elders of this Church, be qualify'd according to the Acts of the Assembly, and particularly that they attest none as Members of the Assembly, but such as are qualify'd; not only by subscribing the *Formula* prescrib'd, but likewise according to all the other Qualifications required of such by former Acts of Assembly.

IX.

Act appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 24th, 1737, Sess. ult.



THE next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held at *Edinburgh*, upon the second *Thursday* of *May* next, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and thirty eight.

The General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, and singing Part of the LXXII. Psalm, from the 17th Verse to the Close, and pronouncing the Blessing.

Collected and Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by

WILLIAM GRANT, Cls. Eccl; Scot:



Overture concerning the Election of Members of the General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 23d, 1737.

THE General Assembly finding, that many Presbyteries have not sent their Opinions, concerning the Overture transmitted to them by the late Assembly, about Electing of Members to the General Assembly, agreed to delay Consideration thereof, and of the Opinions now laid before them relative thereto, till the next General Assembly; and do require Presbyteries to send their Remarks hereon to the said next Assembly; and declare, that such as omit then to send their Opinion, will be held as consenting to have that Overture past into a standing Act and Rule in this Church, and in the mean time appoints that the same be observ'd as a Rule till next General Assembly.

